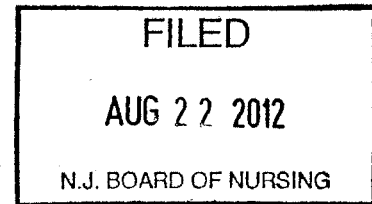


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :	Administrative Action
JOANNE GARDNER,, R.N. :	
LICENSE # NO 10147200 :	CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE :	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (" Board") upon receipt of information that respondent had been convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia on February 17, 2012 following an arrest on October 5, 2011.

The Board has been advised that respondent has enrolled in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) and is currently compliant with that program.

The Board finds that the conduct underlying respondent's conviction relates adversely to the practice of nursing within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

The Board finding that entry of the within Order is appropriate, and is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare in light of the evaluation and monitoring provided by RAMP, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 22nd day of August, 2012

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed for respondent's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).
2. Respondent shall refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances except as prescribed by an authorized health care practitioner who is made aware of Respondent's substance abuse history. Respondent shall report any such use to RAMP in writing within five days of receiving such a prescription together with the name of the prescribing health care practitioner, the name of the drug, the quantity, frequency, expected length of use and reason for its use.
3. Respondent shall remain enrolled in, and remain

compliant with, all of the terms and conditions of participation in the RAMP program. Respondent shall cause RAMP to inform the Board in writing if respondent is non-compliant with, or is terminated from or resigns from further participation in the program together with the reason for and complete documentation of the non-compliance, termination and/or resignation.

Notification of the Board shall be within 24 hours of determination of non-compliance, termination or resignation, or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Respondent shall provide RAMP's Interim Director with a complete copy of the within Order.

4. Respondent shall provide a release to RAMP allowing RAMP to provide pertinent reports, records and other information pertaining to respondent to the Board. Respondent's signature on this order signifies respondent's waiver of any right to confidentiality with respect to these matters, and respondent's agreement that the Board may utilize any such reports, records and other information it receives from RAMP in any proceeding regarding respondent's licensure and that the Board may release any pertinent information in its possession to RAMP.

5. Respondent shall attend regular 12 step support group meetings or the equivalent, and nurse peer support group meetings, if required by RAMP. She shall attend individual counseling and psychiatric treatment until successful discharge, if required by RAMP. Respondent shall submit to random observed

urine or hair testing if required by RAMP. Respondent's failure to submit to or provide a urine sample when requested shall be deemed to be a violation of the terms of this Order.

6. Respondent shall work only in settings approved by RAMP, and shall have access to or responsibility for administering, dispensing or ordering potentially addictive substances in the course of her employment, only if approved by RAMP. She shall not work more than 12 hours (excluding any additional time needed to meet documentation requirements) within any 24 hour period nor more than 40 hours per week (excluding any additional time needed to meet documentation requirements), unless approved by RAMP.

7. Respondent shall provide to RAMP any and all reports required pursuant to her RAMP contract, including reports from his employer or self-assessment reports.

8. Respondent shall notify RAMP within 10 days of any change of address, or any termination, resignation or leave of absence from any place of nursing employment.

9. Respondent shall immediately inform each employer representative and nursing supervisor of the terms of this Order and provide them with a copy of the Order. Respondent shall ensure that each employer representative and nursing supervisor provides written notification on facility letterhead to RAMP acknowledging receipt of a copy of the within Order and its

terms.

10. Respondent shall remain in RAMP until successful completion of the program. Upon successful completion of RAMP, respondent shall notify the Board in writing. Upon receipt of written notification from the Board, respondent may then be released from the requirements of this Order by written notification, without further order of the Board. Unless respondent has successfully completed RAMP, and received written notification from the Board that she is released from the requirements of this Order, respondent may not modify the conditions of this order without submitting a written petition to the Board providing a detailed explanation of the basis for the modification request, and must then enter into a new, modified agreement with the Board in the event the Board grants respondent's petition for modification.

11. Any deviation from the terms of this Order without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of this Order, respondent's license may be automatically suspended by the Board. Respondent, upon notice, may request a hearing to contest the entry of such an order. At any such hearing the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding respondent was materially false. In addition, the Board reserves

the right to bring further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Murphy PhD APN
Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C
Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.

Joanne Gardner
Joanne Gardner, R.N.

Consent as to form and entry:

Mark S. Carter, Esq.